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In re application of

Seiji MIZUOKA et al.

Serial No. 09/816,155

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: Group Art Unit 2878

CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS,
CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD,
AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR
RECORDING PROGRAMS EXECUTING
THE METHOD

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PETITION TO ACCORD A FILING DATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

In the above-referenced U.S. patent application, Applicants filed the application papers originally on March 26, 2001. The papers submitted that day were complete for purposes of obtaining a filing date. The Office is directed to the attached copy of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (filing date granted). This form correctly indicates a filing date of March 26, 2001. The Office is further directed to the attached Filing Receipt received May 22, 2001 indicating a filing date of March 26, 2001.

However, after Applicants responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts, forwarding an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form along with a verified translation of the Japanese language application, Applicants received a further "Updated" Filing Receipt containing an incorrect filing date. This filing date is June 21, 2001.

As can be seen from the attached postcard receipt, the application was filed on March 26, 2001. Accordingly, Applicants petition to have this filing date changed.

It is respectfully submitted that the above is clearly the error of the Office. Nonetheless, should a fee be required pursuant to this petition, the Office is respectfully requested to charge the fee that Applicants' undersigned representatives Deposit Account, 23-0975.

Respectfully submitted,

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